

February 28, 2018

Commissioner Robert Taub, Chairman
Commissioner Tony Hammond, Vice Chairman
Commissioner Nanci Langley
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Postal Regulatory Commission
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RE: Docket No. RM2017-3

Dear Commissioners:

We join the National Catholic Development Conference (NCDC), the Alliance of Nonprofit Mailers, and the nonprofit mailing community in urging you to reconsider your proposal to increase postage rates several times the rate of inflation. Increases that are estimated to reach 7 percent a year, or 40 percent compounded for five years, will not reform the United States Postal Service and will have a major negative impact on both the agency and its customers.

Since 1887 when we opened our doors, we have relied on mail as the primary channel for the majority of our fundraising. We operate on a limited, fixed fundraising budget each year, so if postage goes up as much as you contemplate, we will have no choice but to greatly reduce our mailings. **That not only affects the volume of mail you will see,** but it will have a catastrophic impact on our revenue and our mission to save young lives through our full-time living and support services for abused and at risk youths.

Please do the right thing and reconsider your proposal.

Sincerely,



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